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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner, a consumer, an American (Land of the Free) and a fan of capitalism. Last I checked, market competition is the cornerstone of the capitalist system.

After many years of poor service from large providers like ATT and Comcast, I have found that small providers like LMI fit my needs and my budget. I don't need the bundles and the packages nor the "introductory rates" and the harassment. I need reliable connectivity so I can be responsive to my clients.

I believe I am entitled to choice and the benefit that beholds the consumer. Deregulation will give control of the internet to the few, resulting in higher prices and arbitrary connectivity speeds that are based on my ability to pay for it.

Like most of us learned at a young age from the board game, a monopoly is good for the few and bad for the many. I am one of the "many."

In my opinion, this movement to deregulate is contrary to the principles of democracy in addition to free enterprise.

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